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Dear Sir/ Madame,

Currently low water flow through the Bay and Delta is causing severe damage to a delicate ecosystem, hurting our habitat and environment. More conservative water conservation practices are vital and should be implemented before CALFED decides whether more dams and canals are needed. These dams, canals, and expanded reservoirs can breed inefficiency. In an area with such a dense population, efficiency in water use is critical.

Further, I encourage you not to support any activities involving building a canal around the Delta. As a voting taxpayer, these actions will cost me money and further degrade the ecosystem in the Bay-Delta area, which I do not support.

Using over eighty percent of the state's water supply, agriculture has an obligation to switch to more efficient water use/ irrigation technology which can result in significant water savings. This in turn will not only protect the environment which we count on to sustain our livelihood, but also save the taxpayers money.

Happy voters are those who are not paying taxes for programs which aren't necessary and are not supported by the population as a whole. Please require agriculture to invest in more water efficiency before deciding to build new canals, dams, and expanded reservoirs.

Sincerely,



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